Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 CAIRO 05498 250919Z

44
ACTION AGR-20

INFO OCT-01 NEA-14 ISO-00 EB-11 COME-00 OMB-01 SWF-02 IO-14

CIEP-03 TRSE-00 SS-20 NSC-07 SP-03 L-03 PA-04 PRS-01

USIA-15 CIAE-00 INR-11 NSAE-00 RSC-01 STR-08 DRC-01

/140 W
---------- 115907
R 250830Z JUL 74
FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7952

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CAIRO 5498

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: EAGR ETRD EG
SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN WHEAT AND COTTON ACREAGES

UNCLASSIFIED

1. THE GOE HAS ANNOUNCED ITS PLANS FOR THE ACREAGES TO BE DEVOTED TO WHEAT AND COTTON FOR THE NEXT GROWING SEASON. THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, DR. MOHAMED ZAKY, GAVE THE FIGURES TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH THE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND AUTHORITIES INVOLVED IN DETERMINING THE NEEDS AND PRIORITIES OF THE COUNTRY.

2. FOR WHEAT, THE TOTAL ACREAGE WILL BE 1.3 MILLION FEDDANS (1 FEDDAN EQUALS 1.038 ACRES), UP FROM THE 1.248 PLANNED FOR THE 1973/4 SEASON. MEXICAN VARIETIES, WHICH HAVE GIVEN GOOD RESULTS IN TERMS OF THEIR YIELDS, WILL BE CONCENTRATED IN THE LARGER LAND HOLDINGS WHERE THE NECESSARY EXPERSES FOR FERTILIZERS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS CAN MORE EASILY BE MET. SMALLER FARMERS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO USE MEXICAN WHEAT, BUT WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO USE EGYPTIAN VARIETIES WHICH PRODUCE HIGHER YIELDS.
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 CAIRO 05498 250919Z

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

3. IN THE CASE OF COTTON, 1.5 MILLION FEDDANS ARE PLANNED, THE LOWEST FIGURES SINCE 1968, WHEN THE TOTAL ACREAGE WAS 1.4. IN 1973, 1.6 MILLION FEDDANS WERE DEVOTED TO COTTON CULTIVATION.

END UNCLASSIFIED

BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

4. COMMENT - THERE IS ALWAYS SOME SLIPPAGE BETWEEN PLANNED AND ACTUAL ACREAGE IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF EVENTS, COMPOUNDED IN EGYPT BY THE RESISTANCE OF SOME FARMERS TO THE GOE'S AGRICULTURAL POLICY DECISION. ON RECENT TRIP TO INVESTIGATE THE COTTON WORK INFESTATION, OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WERE SURPRISED TO FIND THAT THE COTTON ACREAGE IN ONE REMOTE AREA WAS 10,000 FEDDANS LESS THAN HAD BEEN PLANNED.

5. PART OF THE PROBLEM CAN BE TRACED TO TWO RELATED FACTS. FIRSTLY, THE DOMESTIC PRICE FOR COTTON HAS NOT INCREASED AS FAST, PROPORTIONALLY, AS THAT OF WHEAT, MAKING IT A LESS ATTRACTIVECROP FOR THE FARMER IF OTHER ALTERNATIVES CAN BE FOUND. SECONDLY, COTTON YIELD PER ACRE HAS BEEN DECLINING OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, WHILE THAT OF WHEAT HAS BEEN INCREASING, FURTHER ADDING TO THE DISINCENTIVES. THESE FACTS WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED AS EGYPT ATTEMPTS TO BALANCE ITS EXPORT AND IMPORT PRIORITIES IN AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.
EILTS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, WHEAT, COTTON, AGRICULTURAL POLICIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 JUL 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: kelleyw0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974CAIRO05498
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740201-0838
From: CAIRO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740719/aaaaaqav.tel
Line Count: 90
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AGR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: kelleyw0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 AUG 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14-Aug-2002 by shawdg>; APPROVED <24 FEB 2003 by kelleyw0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EGYPTIAN WHEAT AND COTTON ACREAGES UNCLASSIFIED
TAGS: EAGR, ETRD, EG
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005

Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005